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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Jeppesen et al.

Application No.: 09/994,971

Group Art Unit: 1624

Filed: November 27, 2001

Examiner: Truong, Tamthom Ngo

For: Tricyclic Compounds as Nuclear Receptor Modulators

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This supplemental response is submitted following the timely response dated April 21, 2003 to the non-final Office Action on the merits mailed January 21, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire April 21, 2003, subject to extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.136(a).

RESPONSE

The Examiner noted that the oath/declaration filed concurrently with the application and preliminary amendment did not specifically refer to the preliminary amendment as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.63(b)(2). Applicant has enclosed a newly executed oath/declaration correcting the deficiency.

In the event that an extension of time is required for timely filing of the enclosed declaration, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension of time. The Commissioner of Patents is authorized to charge the required fee, if applicable, to Deposit Account No. 14-1447.

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